

**Appeals Report – 2007 Access and Equity and Human Rights (AEHR) – Community Partnership and Investment Program (CPIP)**

<b>Date:</b>	May 18, 2007
<b>To:</b>	Community Development and Recreation Committee
<b>From:</b>	Shirley Hoy, City Manager
<b>Wards:</b>	All Wards
<b>Reference Number:</b>	

**SUMMARY**

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This report makes recommendations on the appeals which were made to the Community Partnership and Investment Sub-Committee on the Allocations Report for the 2007 Access Equity and Human Rights (AEHR) – Community Partnership and Investment Program.

The report notes that one of the organizations recommended for support of \$5 thousand has withdrawn its application and it is recommended that these funds be added to the appeal fund, increasing it to \$10 thousand.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

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**The City Manager recommends that:**

1. the Community Development and Recreation Committee rescind the recommended allocation of \$5 thousand to West Scarborough Neighbourhood Community Centre arising from the withdrawal of the application and that this amount be added to the funds set aside for appeals;
2. the Community Development and Recreation Committee recommend funding arising from the submission of appeals as follows:
  - a. \$7.5 thousand to Canadian Council of Christians and Jews,
  - b. \$2.5 thousand to Eritrean Canadian Association of Ontario.

## **Financial Impact**

The 2007 Council approved budget for the Community Partnership and Investment Program includes an allocation of \$773.8 thousand for the Access, Equity and Human Rights (AEHR) Program.

## **Equity Statement**

The community investment provided through this Program supports the City's objective of maintaining a positive race relations and human rights climate. Through this Program support is provided to build the capacity of community organizations to become engaged in civic life, and to act as advocates to respond to barriers that arise from systemic racism and hate activity, and to increase public education about the value of diversity.

## **DECISION HISTORY**

At its meeting on May 15, 2007, the Community Partnership and Investment Program (CPIP) Appeals Sub-Committee approved the report from the City Manager (April 30, 2007) regarding the 2007 Access, Equity and Human Rights (AEHR) - Community Partnership and Investment Program (CPIP). The Sub-Committee referred the submissions regarding the eight appeals to the City Manager for a further report and instructed staff to consider late applications which met program criteria.

Funding was recommended to 75 organizations for a total of \$768.8 thousand with an additional \$5 thousand set aside for appeals.

## **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

The Access, Equity and Human Rights (AEHR) – Community Partnership and Investment Program (CPIP) is a strategic program aimed at maintaining a positive race relations and human rights climate in Toronto by supporting the capacity of community organizations to respond to barriers and to increase opportunities for economic, social and civic participation, especially among new and emerging communities.

## **COMMENTS**

The funding available for appeals is \$10 thousand as the AEHR-CPIP has received a communication from the West Scarborough Neighbourhood Community Centre withdrawing its application for funding. The allocation recommended for this organization was \$5 thousand which can be added to the appeal fund.

The Community Partnership and Investment Program (CPIP) Appeals Sub-Committee heard appeals regarding eight applications submitted under the Access Equity and Human Rights (AEHR) program:

1. Canadian Council of Christians and Jews;
2. The Working Skills Centre;
3. Elspeth Heyworth Centre for Women;
4. Eritrean Canadian Association of Ontario;
5. Senior Pride Network;
6. Dejinta Beesha (Somali Multi-service Centre);
7. Caribbean Global Missions; and
8. West Indian Volunteer Community Support Services.

Of the eight appellants, two are recommended for funding and six are not. The organizations which are recommended for support from the appeals fund are: (1) Canadian Council of Christians and Jews and (2) Eritrean Canadian Association of Ontario.

1. **Canadian Council of Christians and Jews:** It is recommended that \$7.5 thousand be allocated to enable this organization to coordinate a youth leadership forum targeted to diverse youth addressing stigma and discrimination.
2. **Eritrean Canadian Association of Ontario:** It is recommended that \$2.5 thousand be allocated to bring the total allocation to \$7.5 thousand which would enhance the organization's outreach programs targeted to marginalised and isolated Eritrean seniors.

The following organization did not request additional funding.

3. **Senior Pride Network:** The organization advised the committee of the importance of LGBTTT senior issues in Toronto and programs to address the barriers faced by this community. No additional funding was requested.

The following organizations are not recommended for support from the appeals fund.

4. **Caribbean Global Missions:** The organization advised the sub-committee of the importance of anti-racism strategies such as mentoring of children and youth in the Caribbean community. However, no new or additional information was provided by the appellant to support an increase to the previously recommended allocation of \$5 thousand.
5. **Dejinta Beesha (Somali Multi-service Centre):** The organization has not met the AEHR-CPIP reporting requirements for 2006 and is therefore not recommended for funding.

6. **Elsbeth Heyworth Centre for Women:** The organization has not met the AEHR-CPIP reporting requirements for 2006 and is therefore not recommended for funding.
7. **West Indian Volunteer Community Support Services:** The organization did not demonstrate the required organizational and financial systems and structures to deliver the proposed project and is not recommended for funding.
8. **The Working Skills Centre:** The project submitted by this organization is not recommended for funding as the project is not sufficiently developed to meet program criteria.

Staff will continue to work with those organizations not receiving funding to increase their knowledge of activities which are eligible for support under the program and to assist with organizational capacity development as required.

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